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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Proprietary Medicine Legislation.

THERE are welcome signs that the long and strenuous labours of the Association in connexion with the advertisement and sale of proprietary medicines may before long receive their reward. It is known that the Government of 1920 introduced a bill into the House of Lords which, if passed, would have gone far to remedy the abuses connected with this business. But the bill was withdrawn at the end of its career in the House of Lords for the purpose of securing agreement on one or two points which were the subject of controversy and might possibly have wrecked the bill. It is believed that the present Government intends to proceed with legislation at a convenient time, but when that time will arrive depends a good deal on how far any bill introduced may be regarded as an agreed measure. The persons chiefly concerned in coming to an agreement are the makers of these remedies, the pharmaceutical chemists and others who sell them, the medical profession, and the Government as representing the interests of the public. The recent very significant vote at the Publicity Club of London (SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, November 22nd, 1924, p. 189) shows that the responsible persons in connexion with the proprietary medicine trade, as well as those concerned in the advertisement of these wares, are beginning to realize that legislation is inevitable, and that it would be a wise move and an evidence of foresight to try to help forward legislation on lines which, while preserving legitimate interests, would abolish the grave abuses with which this trade is surrounded. The Pharmaceutical Society has now asked the British Medical Association to send representatives to meet representatives of the society to discuss the possibility of pressing for legislation, and no doubt this consultation will be arranged very shortly. It is the intention of the Association, with the help of the medical members of Parliament, to press the Government to take early action, and the prospects of the Government acceding to this request look more than usually promising in view of the circumstances mentioned above.

The Sir Charles Hastings Clinical Prize for General Practitioners.

The Council of the British Medical Association has decided to establish experimentally an annual prize—"The Sir Charles Hastings Clinical Prize"—of fifty guineas for an essay or lecture for the purpose of stimulating systematic observation, research, and record in general practice. The Council believes that systematic observation by general practitioners, along selected lines of clinical study, may result in the production of practical contributions of great value by those who are in a favourable position for following disease through its various stages.

The first prize will be awarded in 1926, and the conditions governing its award, as adopted by the Council on April 16th, 1924, are as follows:

Regulations.

1. This prize is established by the Council of the British Medical Association for the promotion of systematic observation, research, and record in general practice; it includes a money award of the value of fifty guineas.
2. Any member of the Association who is engaged in general practice is eligible to compete for the prize.
3. The work submitted must include personal observations and experience of the candidate collected in general practice, and a high order of excellence will be expected. If no essay entered is of sufficient merit no award will be made.
4. Essays, or whatever form the candidate desires his (or her) work to take, must be sent to the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association, 429, Strand, W.C.2, not later than December 31st, 1925, and the prize will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The first award will be made in 1926.
5. If any question arises in reference to the eligibility of the candidate or the admissibility of his essay, the decision of the Council on any such point shall be final.
6. Each essay must be distinguished by a motto, and must be accompanied by an envelope marked with the same motto and including the candidate's name and address.
7. The candidate who gains the award shall, if the Council so desires, publish his paper in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL or deliver a lecture on the subject thereof at a meeting of the Association.
8. Inquiries relative to the prize should be addressed to the Medical Secretary, 429, Strand, London, W.C.2.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: NUNEATON AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.—A clinical and pathological meeting of the Nuneaton and Tamworth Division will be held at Atherstone on Wednesday, February 25th.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, on Tuesday, March 10th, at 9.30 p.m., when Sir H. E. Bruce-Porter will read a paper on medical practice and its pitfalls.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—An address will be given to the Kensington Division at Kensington Palace Mansions Hotel (Merrick Room), De Vere Gardens, opposite De Vere Hotel, at 8.45 p.m., to-day (Friday, February 13th), by Dr. R. H. Cole, physician in charge of mental diseases at St. Mary's Hospital, entitled "The present legal disabilities in the early treatment of mental disorders."

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lewisham Division will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, at 8.45 p.m., at the Parish Room, St. Laurence Vicarage, Bromley Road, Catford, S.E.6. Dr. F. A. Beattie will preside. Mr. W. H. Trethowan, F.R.C.S. (Guy's Hospital), will give an address on manipulative surgery.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Middlesex Division will be held at the St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on Wednesday, February 25th, at 8.15 p.m., for general business. At 8.30 Dr. L. R. Shore will read a paper on hilum tuberculosis, with some observations on artificial pneumothorax.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—A dinner will be held at the Comedy Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, S.W.1, on Sunday, February 15th, at 7 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from Dr. W. Lock, 45, Church Road, N.W.10. A meeting of the Division will be held at the Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, on Wednesday, February 25th, at 9 p.m. Agenda:—Dr. W. Lock: Report of Conference at Wembley, 1924, on Venereal Diseases.

MIDLAND BRANCH: CHESTERFIELD DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Chesterfield Division, to be held at the Maternity Hospital, Chesterfield, on Friday, March 13th, Dr. A. J. Hall, professor of medicine, University of Sheffield, will give an address on "Diagnostic Bunkers."

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: GATESHEAD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Gateshead Division will be held at the Medical Institute, 7, Windsor Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, February 18th. At 9 o'clock Dr. George Hall will give a short talk on the diagnosis of spinal paralyses, to be followed by a discussion. Members are cordially invited to attend a supper which will precede the meeting, commencing at 8.15 p.m., at which Dr. Hall will be the guest of the Division. Members intending to be present for supper are asked to notify Dr. Colin Mearns, 22, Bewick Road, Gateshead, before Wednesday, February 18th.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.—A meeting of the Southern Branch will be held at the South Western Hotel, Southampton, on Friday, February 20th, at 2.45 p.m. Agenda: Correspondence; financial statement; a discussion on the need for public education on what ought to be known about cancer will be opened by the Honorary Secretary, who will move a resolution; to fix date of annual meeting of the Branch at Jersey; to make a collection for Epsom College.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—A meeting of the Swansea Division will be held at the General Hospital, Swansea, on Thursday, February 26th, at 8.15 p.m., when Mr. Trevor Hunter, barrister-at-law, will read a paper on the law and medicine.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Croydon Division will be held at the Croydon General Hospital on Tuesday, February 24th, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. J. A. Ryle will give an address on recent observations on referred pain.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Guildford Division, to be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, March 5th, Sir Crisp English, K.C.M.G., will open a discussion on abdominal pain.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division, to be held at the Bull Restaurant, Wakefield, on Thursday, March 12th, Mr. E. W. Bain, F.R.C.S. (Leeds), will give a lecture on middle-ear suppuration.

National Insurance.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

THE sixteenth meeting of the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance was held at the Home Office on February 5th, Lord Lawrence of Kingsgate in the chair. The main part of the sitting was devoted to the examination of Mr. F. W. Daniels, chairman, and Mr. P. Rockliff, secretary, of the Joint Committee of Approved Societies. The subjects dealt with included the scope and quality of medical benefit, the possibility of limiting cash benefits so as to leave more funds available for treatment benefits, the benefits of married women, the pooling of surpluses. Thereafter Mr. E. E. England, representing the Stock Exchange Clerks Approved Society and the Baltic and Corn Exchange Society, and Commander E. G. Holdway, representing the Lloyds Health Insurance Society, were examined on a variety of matters relative to these societies.

Proof copies of the oral evidence and the relative statements submitted at the meeting of January 22nd may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, on remittance of cost (2s. 3d.) and postage.

THE RECORD CARD.

SOME DIFFICULTIES IN A RURAL PRACTICE.

THE following is the substance of a reply, made by a West Country insurance practitioner to the county medical officer of health, when the latter had stated (1) that the "panel doctor" is paid to keep Record Cards but does not keep them in such a manner as to make them of any statistical value; and (2) that the county M.O.H. ought to have a right of free access to all Record Cards for the purpose of getting statistics for preventive medicine.

For the benefit of the county medical officer of health, who evidently has not realized what these are, I will quote a few of the difficulties experienced in keeping Record Cards by a panel doctor in a rural district of this county.

A Confusion of Names.

First, I have here the Parliamentary Register for one small village in my practice. Although it gives only the names of the males over the age of 21 and the females over 30 years of age, the list contains the names of 63 Halls, 40 Bonds, 32 Giles, 29 Wills, 25 Smiths.

Of the 63 Halls, 4 are Samuel, 4 are Henry, 4 are Frederick, 3 are James, 3 are Frank, 3 are William. And as there are so many Halls they have called some of them the Clarke-Halls; and as there are so many Clarke-Halls there are now the John-Clarke-Halls, the Willie-Clarke-Halls, and the Henry-Clarke-Halls. When I am asked to visit Kathleen the message is: "It is Kathleen Willie-Clarke-Hall, not Kathleen John-Clarke-Hall." Of the 40 Bonds, 5 are Elizabeth, 4 are Eliza, 4 are Mary, 4 are Henry, 4 are George, 4 are William. Of the 32 Giles, 3 are Henry; they live in three adjacent houses, and are all Henry Giles of Badgers' Holt. Of the Smiths, 10 are John Smith, 3 are John Wm. Smith, 3 are John Henry Smith, 3 are James Smith, 2 are James Edward Smith. And so it goes on.

Now this is only one village in my practice; there are Halls by the score when you take in the whole practice, Bonds by the dozen, and so on. Add to this the fact that none of the houses are numbered, and you add to the confusion. Three John Bonds live in one long unnumbered street, and one of them is a postman. I asked him once: "What do you do with a letter addressed simply 'John Bond, Broad Street?'" He said: "Well, I open it and read it myself first, and if there's no money or anything in it for me I leave it at the house of the nearest John Bond. If I am coming this way the one at the bottom of the street gets it next; if I am going out on my round then the other John Bond gets the next chance at it, and hands it on if it isn't meant for him."

The Case of Samuel Hall.

Now let us see what happens when one of the seventeen Samuel Halls in the practice starts to cough. I say "Good-morning; er-er, let me see, you are—er-er, your name is ——?" "Sam Hall, sir." So I turn cheerfully to the 3,000 Record Cards that my partners and I are supposed to keep, wade through the 153 Halls, pick out sixteen cards with Samuel Hall on the front, and settle down to find this man's card.

"Which approved society do you belong to?" "The National Health, sir." "I know, but I want the name of the society." "Oh, I don't rightly remember that, sir." "Well, who is the secretary; who do you pay your money to each week?" "They stops it out of my pay, sir." "If you were ill who would give you your sickness benefit?" "Sam Smith, sir." "Then you are in the Past-a-Joke Society." "No I baint, sir, that's my club that I pays into; I be in the Penitential Society for the State."

I then look through the Samuel Halls who are "in the Penitential," and find that there are twelve; so now I ask, "Where do you live?" and the answer is "Long Street." Only eight of the twelve live in Long Street, but which of them is the right one?

"What is your number in your approved society—have you got your card with you?" "No, sir. It's the Penitential, sir, that's all I can tell you. I'm Samuel James Hall of Long Street." "Oh! Samuel James Hall?" "Yes, but I don't know if they put the James on my card."

I then search through the Samuel James Halls and find that there are four, two of whom live in Long Street and are "Penitentials," but that is as far as I can get; this man is either one of the two Samuel James Halls, or possibly entered as one of the eight Samuel Halls. I cannot enter up his illness on any of these cards, since each card has a different member's number on it. Again, the cards come to me sometimes with simply "S. Hall," which may be Sidney. Many cards have Mrs. instead of Miss, and vice versa.

Of course, it eventually turns out that when I picked out sixteen cards to find the right one for one of the seventeen Samuel Halls of the practice, I naturally failed, since the card I really needed was still retained by the Insurance Committee, who sent for it two months ago. It is one of their little failings. In passing, I might add that I have here a letter from the county M.O.H., in which he promises to send me an answer in a day or two. When I say that that letter is four months old and that I have not had that answer yet, it is possible to infer what may happen if the county M.O.H. is allowed to send for our Record Cards.

Other Complications.

That leads on to the next difficulty. In a practice where two men are in partnership, and one partner dies during an influenza epidemic, the remaining man, with double work to do, an epidemic on, the trouble of finding a new partner, and, perhaps,

his own household all down with influenza, has to sort out all his late partner's Record Cards and post them off to the Insurance Committee at once.

Add to this that the practice includes portions of three counties, with three Insurance Committees; that the cards must be carefully sorted out and sent to the right Committees; that for statistical purposes it is important that every case of influenza be entered on the correct Record Card, although one has had to send off half one's cards—and some idea is gained of the torture that these same Record Cards are to a would-be conscientious panel doctor. And, if that is not enough, add the fact that the cards are not returned for some weeks and are frequently lost or asked for when they have never been returned.

Another difficulty occurs when a doctor has two surgeries, and his patients, for reasons of their own, visit one surgery one day and the other the next day, and then he has to attend them at their homes a day or two later. Can he carry 3,000 Record Cards around with him? And what if his partner be called in to see some of the sick? Where are the cards to be kept? Can a doctor possibly find time to enter up every card "when the day's work is over," when his day "ends" at two in the morning?

Etiology and Treatment.

Why do all these difficulties occur? For the very good reason that the responsibility for keeping the Record Cards has been placed on the wrong shoulders. The authorities imagined, perhaps rightly, that the patient, who is after all the proper person to be made responsible for his own card, would be too slovenly to look after it properly, and so they conceived the "brilliant" idea of putting the responsibility on the already overburdened general practitioner. But one cannot do the wrong thing and expect right results, even when dealing with such "patient oxen" as panel doctors. It does not work; it never can work properly.

The only solutions possible are:

1. Make each insured person responsible for carrying his Record Card about with him, in a grease-proof cover; let him produce it to each doctor he goes to, at each place he gets treatment, and then the county M.O.H. can call on the patient and inspect the Record Card whenever the fancy takes him. (The bogy about the patient not seeing his own card is a myth; the man sees what is on his certificate every time he is ill.)

2. Abolish the present cards.

The idea of having a Record Card is in order to have a *reliable* record. But how can this be possible when (1) the patient often goes to a non-panel doctor for treatment; (2) hospital surgeons are under no obligation to fill in the record; (3) patients drop out of benefit for two years, have an unrecorded illness, and then return to being insured persons; (4) epidemics prevent accurate records; (5) the cards are sent for by the Insurance Committee and are absent when required; (6) the present Record Cards are admittedly so badly designed that it would be hard to find a solitary panel practitioner who has a word to say in favour of them.

ABSORBENT WOOL FOR INSURED PERSONS.

A LETTER has been sent by the Ministry of Health to the Retail Pharmacists' Union with reference to the supply of absorbent cotton-wool to insured persons. It has been represented to the Minister that the existing tariff requirements do not secure the supply of a cotton-wool of uniform quality, and he is advised that the difficulties would very largely be removed by the adoption of a standard sample. An arrangement has accordingly been made with the Manchester Testing House, Royal Exchange, Manchester, to retain a standard sample which, in its opinion, meets the requirements laid down in the Drug Tariff. The Testing House will be prepared to give a definite opinion whether samples submitted for testing are in accordance with the standard sample. The Minister has decided that from July 1st next all absorbent cotton-wool supplied to insured persons shall be in accordance with the requirements of the *British Pharmaceutical Codex, 1923*, and the standard sample of the Manchester Testing House.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON LIEUTENANT COMMANDER A. W. COCKING to the *Broke*.

Surgeon Lieutenants J. S. Harper to the *Gnat*; J. A. E. Tannian to the *Mantis*; R. Burns to the *Montrose*.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Mr. F. M. B. Allen has entered as Probationary Surgeon Lieutenant and attached to the Ulster Division.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major R. K. White, D.S.O., retires on retired pay, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Flight Lieutenant C. McC. Jones is transferred to the Reserve, Class D.2.

Flight Lieutenants E. N. H. Gray and W. E. Barnes to No. 20 Squadron, India; B. F. Haythornthwaite to No. 28 Squadron, India; P. A. Hall, A. C. Ransford, J. B. Woodrow, J. Prendergast, and T. A. Walker to R.A.F. Depot, on transfer to Home Establishment.

Flying Officers T. Glynn to Aircraft Park, India; A. A. Townsend to Aircraft Depot, India; C. G. J. Nicholls and B. Pollard to Research Laboratory and Medical Officers' School of Instruction, Hampstead, for short course, on appointment to short-service commissions; H. C. C. Patterson to Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment, Felixstowe; F. L. White to R.A.F. Depot.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Majors (prov.) A. F. Hewat and A. J. Brown are confirmed in their rank.

Captain T. W. S. Hills to be Major.

To be Lieutenants: Second Lieutenant W. A. Ramsay (late R. Scots), with precedence as from June 20th, 1924; C. C. P. Anning.

Supernumerary for Service with the O.T.C.—Major P. K. Mitchiner to be Lieutenant-Colonel and to command the Medical Unit of the University of London O.T.C.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant Captain (prov.) A. Massey, from the Active List, to be Lieutenant.

The announcement regarding Captain A. Morris, which appeared in the *London Gazette* of December 31st, 1918, to be cancelled.

VACANCIES.

BIRMINGHAM CITY.—Assistant Tuberculosis Officer and Assistant Medical Officer in a Sanatorium. Salary £450 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary £110 per annum.

BLACKPOOL: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary £120 per annum.

BRIGHTON: NEW SUSSEX HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Honorarium £50 per annum.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Two House-Physicians. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Resident Obstetric Officer. (4) House-Surgeon to Special Departments. (5) Casualty House-Surgeon. Salary for six months at the rate of £80 per annum, and £100 in the event of second appointment being held.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Obstetric House-Surgeon. (2) Casualty House-Surgeon. (3) Two House-Physicians. (4) Four House-Surgeons. (5) House-Surgeon to the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department. (6) House-Surgeon to the Gynaecological, Ophthalmic, and Skin Departments. (7) Dental House-Surgeon. Salary for (1) and (2) £100 per annum, for (3), (4), (5), and (6) £80 per annum, and for (7) £116 per annum.

BURY AND DISTRICT JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.—Resident Assistant to the Medical Superintendent. Salary £400 per annum, increasing to £450.

CARDIFF CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Whitchurch.—Resident Clinical Assistant (male). Honorarium 50 guineas for six months.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, S.W.3.—Registrar (Gynaecological). Honorarium £50 per annum.

DARLINGTON: GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum.

DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL, Dorchester.—House-Surgeon. Salary £120 per annum.

DORSET MENTAL HOSPITAL, Herrison.—Third Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary £300 per annum, rising to £350.

HAMPSTEAD: PARISH OF ST. JOHN.—Senior and Junior Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the New End Hospital. Salary £250 and £150 per annum respectively.

HOSPITAL FOR EPILEPSY AND PARALYSIS, Maida Vale, W.9.—Medical Registrar. Honorarium £100.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Surgical Registrar. Salary £300 per annum.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Two Dental Surgeons. Salary £600 per annum.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY.—Lecturer in Bacteriology. Salary £500.

LINCOLN CITY AND COUNCIL BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary £900 per annum.

LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL, Stepney Green, E.1.—Out-patient Assistant. Salary £100 per annum.

MADRAS AND SOUTH MAHRATTA RAILWAY.—District Medical Officer. Commencing salary according to age and qualifications, rising to a maximum of Rs.1,550 per mensem.

MANCHESTER CITY.—Assistant Tuberculosis Officer. Salary £540 per annum, *plus* bonus, at present £170 19s. 9d.

MANCHESTER: MONSALL HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—(1) First Assistant Medical Officer. (2) Junior Medical Assistant. Salary £600 and £350 per annum respectively.

MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITALS.—(1) Resident Obstetric Officer for the Whitworth Street West Hospital (Maternity). (2) Resident Surgical Officer for the Whitworth Park Hospital (Gynaecological and Children). Salaries £200 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.—Honorary Physician in charge of Electrical and Massage Departments.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Pathologist. £350 per annum and fees for private work.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.2.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

ROTHERHAM COUNTY BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary £1,000, rising to £1,250.

ROYAL CHEST HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—(1) Medical Officer (non-resident) in charge of the Tuberculosis Dispensary Department; salary £750 per annum. (2) Physician with charge of out-patients.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway, N.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) Assistant Surgical Officer. Salary £200 and £150 per annum respectively.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL, S.E.—Resident Assistant Surgeon.

WEST HAM COUNTY BOROUGH.—Two Assistant School Medical Officers. Salary £600 per annum each.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.6.—Honorary Surgical Registrar. Honorarium £100 per annum.

WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.1.—(1) Honorary Dental Surgeon. (2) Senior and Junior House-Surgeons. Salary £150 and £100 per annum.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

YORK CITY COUNCIL.—Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer. Salary £1,000 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacant appointments: Buntingford (Herts), Tenterden (Kent), Misterton (Notts).

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

MACDONALD, A. R., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., House-Surgeon to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.

PIDCOCK, B. Henzell, M.B., B.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Hants County Hospital.

SPROTT, Norman A., M.A., M.Ch., B.M.Oxon., Member Eton College Medical Board.

WYATT, W., M.B.Ed., Assistant Medical Officer, Fountain Mental Hospital, Tooting, S.W.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1. —*House-Surgeons:* B. McKelvie, M.B., Ch.B.Vict., J. B. Baird, M.B., Ch.B.N.Z.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL, Harlesden Road, N.W.10.—*Honorary Anaesthetist:* H. A. Faulkner, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *Member of the Honorary Medical Staff:* F. Melville Harvey, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—T. F. Arnott, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., for the Bovey Tracey District, co. Devon; A. H. B. Kirkman, F.R.C.S.Ed., for the Staplehurst District, co. Kent.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

Special Discussion: Mon., 5.30 p.m., Non-specific Disturbances of Health Due to Vitamin Deficiency. Speakers: Dr. Leonard Williams, Colonel R. McCarrison, Dr. W. Cramer, Dr. G. M. Findlay, and others. (The meeting may be adjourned at 7 p.m. and resumed at 8.30 p.m.)

Section of Pathology: Tues., 8.30 p.m., D. Thomson: Researches on *B. pneumosintes*; G. M. Findlay: Acceleration of the Carcinogenetic Action of Tar by Radiant Energy; A. N. Goyle: The Virulence and Toxigenicity for Mice of "Normal" and "Rough" Forms of *B. enteritidis* Gaertner.

Section of History of Medicine: Wed., 5 p.m., Mr. G. E. Gask: The Medical Staff of Edward III. Mr. W. Reeve Wallace and Dr. N. G. Horner will exhibit a Paduan diploma of 1628, and Dr. Arthur T. Davies a diploma of Montpellier.

Section of Dermatology. Thurs., 4 p.m., Cases. 5 p.m., Dr. Aldo Castellani: Observations on some Skin Diseases common in Central America (illustrated with lantern slides, microscopical sections, etc.).

Section of Electro-Therapeutics: Fri., 8.30 p.m., Dr. N. MacDonald: Spinal Manipulation and Adjustment; Dr. R. M. Beath: Dysostosis Cleidocranialis Hereditare.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Mon., 5 p.m., Mr. C. P. G. Wakeley: Ectopic and Imperfect Descent of the Testis. Wed. and Fri., 5 p.m., Dr. G. S. Williamson: Anatomy and Physiology of the Thyroid Apparatus.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Thurs., 7.45 p.m., Demonstration by Dr. Henry Meleney (Peking): The Pathology of Experimental Leishmaniasis in the Hamster. 8.15 p.m., Professor B. Blacklock: Schistosomiasis and Goitre in Sierra Leone (illustrated by lantern slides).

CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY, Club Room, St. George's Hospital.—Tues., 8.30 p.m., Discussion: Some Diseases Common to the Climacteric (both sexes); to be opened by Sir Thomas Parkinson and Mr. A. Ralph Thompson.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W.—Thurs., 8.15 p.m., Clinical Meeting.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Mon., 9 p.m., First Lettsomian Lecture by Sir Bernard Spilsbury: Wounds and Other Injuries.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, West Smithfield, E.C.1.—Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs., 5 p.m., Sir William I. de Courcy Wheeler: The Conservative Treatment of Fractures of the Pelvis and Lower Extremity.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

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MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITALS.—Whitworth Street West Branch: Fri., 4.30 p.m., Ante-Natal Management.

ST. ANDREWS INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, St. Andrews.—Tues., 4 p.m., Albuminuria in Diseases other than those primarily of the Kidney. (Tues., February 24th, Renal Insufficiency in Relation to the Risks of Surgical Procedure. Tues., March 3rd, Albuminuria and Pregnancy.)

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13 Fri. Kensington Division: Kensington Palace Mansions Hotel, De Vere Gardens. Address by Dr. R. H. Cole on the Present Legal Disabilities in the Early Treatment of Mental Disorders, 8.45 p.m.

15 Sun. Willesden Division: Dinner, Comedy Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, S.W., 7 p.m.

17 Tues. London: Coroners' Law and Death Certification Subcommittee, 4 p.m.
Lewisham Division: Parish Room, St. Laurence Vicarage, Bromley Road, S.E.6. Address by Mr. W. H. Trethowan on Manipulative Surgery, 8.45 p.m.

18 Wed. London: **Special Meeting of Council**, 10 a.m.
Gateshead Division: Medical Institute, 7, Windsor Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Short talk by Dr. G. Hall on the Diagnosis of Spinal Paralyses, 9 p.m. Supper, 8.15 p.m.

20 Fri. London: Science Committee, 2.30 p.m.
London: Propaganda Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
Southern Branch: South-Western Hotel, Southampton, 2.45 p.m.

24 Tues. London: Central Ethical Committee, 2.15 p.m.
Croydon Division: Croydon General Hospital. Address by Dr. J. A. Ryle on Recent Observations on Referred Pain, 8.30 p.m.

25 Wed. South Middlesex Division: St. John's Hospital, Twickenham. General Business, 8.15 p.m. Paper by Dr. L. R. Shore on Hilum Tuberculosis with Some Observations on Artificial Pneumothorax, 8.30 p.m.
Willesden Division: Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, 9 p.m.

26 Thurs. London: Insurance Acts Committee, 12 noon.
Swansea Division: General Hospital, Swansea. Paper by Mr. Trevor Hunter on the Law and Medicine, 8.15 p.m.

27 Fri. London: Public Health Committee, 2.30 p.m.

MARCH.

3 Tues. London: Organization Committee.
4 Wed. London: Medico-Political Committee, 2.30 p.m.
5 Thurs. London: Journal Committee, 2.30 p.m
Guildford Division, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. Discussion on Abdominal Pain, to be opened by Sir Crisp English.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

HAIG FERGUSON.—At 18, Walker Street (nursing home), Edinburgh, on February 7th, 1925, the wife of Captain W. Haig Ferguson, *M.C.*, R.A.M.C., of a daughter.

STEWART.—On February 9th, at Hillside, Umtali, Rhodesia, the wife of J. Lennox Stewart, D.S.O., *M.C.*, M.B., a son (Donald).

DEATHS.

CRICHLOW.—On February 6th, at Brompton, Egbert Aubrey Lennox Crichlow, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Trinidad and King's College Hospital, London, aged 30.

DEWAR.—On January 31st, 1925, accidentally killed, John Dewar, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., of 4, Harley Road, South Hampstead, and formerly of 132, Sloane Street, S.W., aged 80 years. R.I.P.

MARTIN.—At 1, Nelson Road, Southsea, on January 28th, 1925, John Martin, late Lieutenant-Colonel R.A.M.C., in his 78th year. Interred at Highland Road Cemetery, Southsea, on February 3rd, 1925.

ROWS.—At 65, Rectory Lane, Prestwich, on January 28th, Richard Gundry Rows, C.B.E., D.Sc., M.D., etc., Pathologist to the County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, younger son of R. G. Rows, The Willows, Helston.

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